

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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July 29, 2003

FROM: KEN A. MILLER, Director
Department of Public Works – Regional Parks

SUBJECT: ANNUAL COUNTY EMPLOYEE PICNIC – GLEN HELEN REGIONAL PARK

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Find that waiving the entrance and swim fees for County employees, their families, and guests attending the 2003 Annual County Employee Picnic at Glen Helen Regional Park on August 2, 2003 will serve a public purpose by enhancing communication and employee morale among the County's 17,000 employees, as well as improving public awareness of the County's Regional Park site and programs.
2. Waive the entrance and swim fees for this event.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Since 1981, the County has periodically held County Employee Picnics as a means of providing employees and their families with an opportunity to come together in an off-work site social setting. The benefits of these events include enhanced communication among employees, improved employee morale, and an opportunity for the County to express its gratitude for the dedicated service provided by its employees. The County Employee Picnic has gained in popularity for these reasons in recent years, and on has been held annually since 1995.

The picnic will be held on August 2, 2003 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Glen Helen Regional Park. This year the picnic will be part of the County's Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Approval of this item would waive the entrance and swim fees for participants of this event. The waiver would serve the public purpose of promoting increased knowledge and awareness of the recreation opportunities available through the County's regional park system. Admission and swimming fees have historically been waived for county employee picnic day.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed by Rex Hinesley, Chief Deputy County Counsel, on July 21, 2003, and by the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst) on July 18, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Without the waiver, Regional Parks would expect to receive approximately \$19,500 in entrance and swim fees from this event.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Thomas A. Potter, Chief of Regional Parks 387-2340

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